

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 12, 22, 33 and 36 being the independent claims.

Based on the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

In the Action on pages 5-6, section 7, claims 1-11 and 22-37 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing these claims.

In the Action on page 5, section 6, claims 18-21 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Because the base claim is amended and believed to be allowable, Applicant defers placing these claims in independent form at this time.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Action on pages 2-3, section 2, claims 12 and 13 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,987,520 to Criminisi et al. (hereinafter "Criminisi"). Applicants have amended claim 12 with subject matter primarily from claim 33, and from the elements indicated in section 7 of the Action, rendering the rejection moot.

Claim 13 depends from claim 12 and is allowable for being dependent from an allowable claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Action on page 3, section 4, claim 14 is rejected as being unpatentable over Criminisi. Claim 14 depends from claim 12 and is allowable for being dependent from an allowable claim.

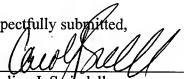
In the Action on pages 4-5, section 5, claims 15-17 are rejected as being unpatentable over Criminisi in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,855,934 to Robinson. Claims 15-17 depend from claim 12 and are allowable for being dependent from an allowable claim.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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